

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution Reform Project



Representing the Six
Recognized Reservations
October 30, 2019



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution Reform Committee, consisting of delegate representatives from all six reservations, will review, discuss and engage with the citizens of each of the reservations, our Tribal Executive Committee and Reservation elected officials the current Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution.



OUR GOAL

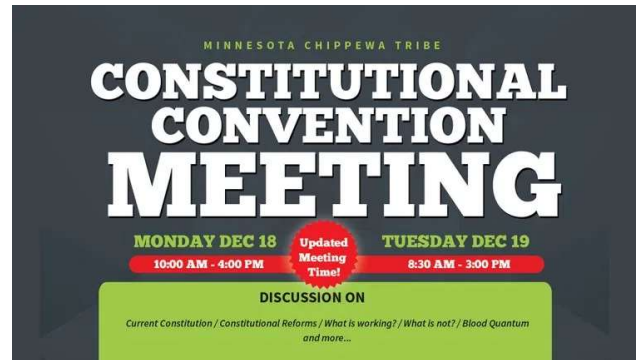
To present the current Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution to all members of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, in an effort to educate and engage members on each element of the Constitution, receive and share with our Tribal elected official the input, voice and priorities of our people. To create and recommend a relevant Constitutional document representative of a structure that will serve all its' members.



ROLE OF EACH DELEGATION

- To seek and engage our Tribal members.

- Education of our people on all elements of our current MCT Constitution.
- To gather designated delegates from each reservation on a monthly or as needed basis to share input from our home reservations, to collectively build and recommend a revised/amended Constitution document.



CURRENT PRIORITIES

What are the top five (5) priorities from your Tribal communities?

TREATIES GOVERNANCE

ENROLLMENT/ MEMBERSHIP

CULTURE

EDUCATION

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMUNICATION

PROGRESS TO DATE

2019

January Convention at Hinckley, MN

Finance Committee was established
Agreed on Rotating meeting locations

February Convention - Bois Forte

Grand Portage absent - due to loss of Tribal executive
no decisions were made
Consensus Building and how process will work
Self-determination each Band decide for itself
Constitution should Include: Economic, Legal, Cultural Integrity, Education of process to community; Traditional leadership base

March Convention - no meeting

April Convention - Leech Lake

Meeting Process and Procedures
Consensus Voting

May Convention- Grand Portage

Education -John Morrin -Words of Wisdom by George Aubid, Sr. c. 1985
Establish a Survey Committee
Establish an Education, Finance and Survey Committee

June Convention - Minneapolis

Education - Tools for Successful Community Engagement
Delegation may use Zaagiibagong as a resource
Identification of 5 top priorities and timelines

July Convention - White Earth

Education - Red Lake Constitution Reform
Committee

Discussion took place with no action at this time -
Preamble

Appoint one Delegate from the 6 Reservations to
attend all TEC meetings for a period of four
months, then new appointees for four months
Send Delegates; Speak only as directed on issues

August Convention - Fond Du Lac

Education - Indinawemaaganidog (How do we
consider who is MCT?)

Designate Delegates to attend TEC meetings and
address issues identified by the full Convention
Delegates

Lines of communication must be clearly defined
Constitution Reform Delegates shall be standard
TEC Agenda item

Clarify TEC agree to consult with Delegates on
enrollment

Clarify TEC agree to consult with Delegates on
reform timeline

September Convention - Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

Education - Value of MCT meetings

Discussion took place with no action at this time -
enrollment

Delegation meets one day/month and two
days/quarter (flexible on days of week)

Delegates will notify the TEC of what the timeline
will be when ready

Education Committee will develop a timeline to
bring to the full Delegation for ratification, then
bring to the people

Recent Discussion and Recommendations

- 1) That the Constitutional Convention [will] appoint, at minimum, one delegate from each reservation for a four-month term, to attend all regular or special TEC meetings that take place during their term;
 - 2) That the appointed delegate(s) shall speak on the behalf of the Constitutional Convention at any regular or special TEC meetings on approved issues that the Convention has asked the delegate to address (e.g., updating the TEC regarding the constitutional convention, asking questions related to the constitutional convention, officially asking for action to be taken on the convention's behalf); and
 - 3) That the appointed delegate(s) report back to the Constitutional Convention regarding any regular or special TEC meeting(s) that they attend, including a summary of the meeting.
 - 1) That each delegation declares who their selected delegate is that will represent the Constitutional Convention for the first four-month term; and
 - 4) That we charge those declared representatives to
 - 1) formally address the TEC at the next TEC meeting as official representatives of the Constitutional Convention;
 - 2) clarify whether the TEC also agreed to consult the Convention on the enrollment issue;
 - 3) clarify how consultation will work; and
 - 4) state that we should be consulted in setting the timeline for addressing those issues
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Request for Action

To request that the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe serve as fiscal agent for the Constitution Convention Committee

Request that Tribal Executive Committee, Tribal Elected and Gaming officials consider a lower than standard hotel rate at each Casino hotel, for the delegate representatives of each reservation